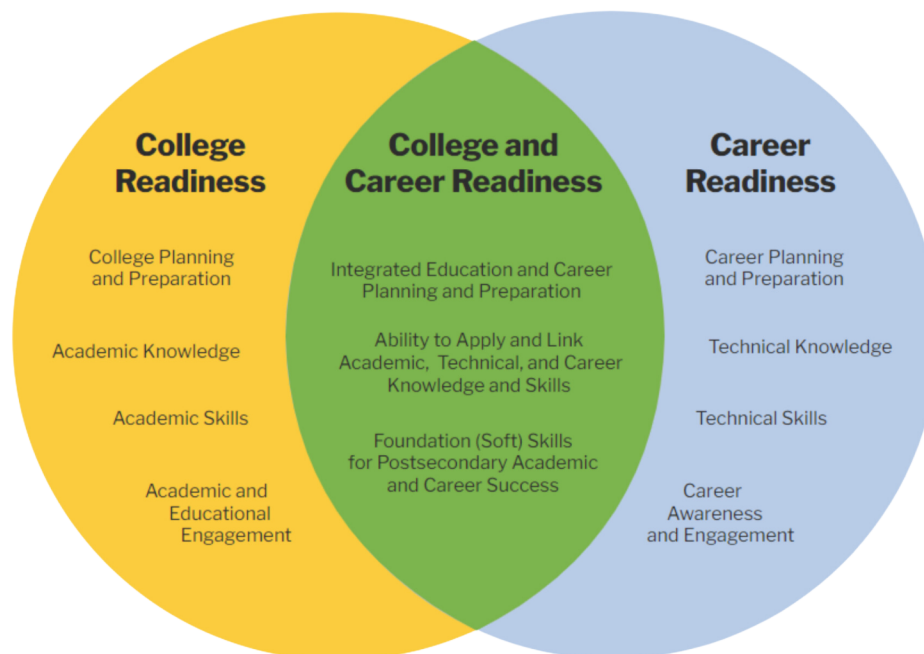


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Welcome

SUMMER 2026 COURSES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EDUCATORS

Welcome to the December 2025 edition of the “Building Connections” newsletter for the 2025-2026 school year!

This monthly resource provides career and college readiness materials for Catholic school leaders, students, educators, and families. This edition's spotlight is on exciting courses for students and professional development for educators.

A big thank you goes to the Great Oaks and the Catholic Business Advisory Council for their assistance with this issue!



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For Students

FREE CREDENTIAL-ONLY HEALTHCARE COURSES DURING THE SECOND SEMESTER OF THE 2025–2026 SCHOOL YEAR !

Great Oaks is excited to share that they will be offering two FREE healthcare courses for students in the Greater Cincinnati area. Below is the essential information about the two programs: the Certified Nurse's Aide (CNA) and the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA).

Program Options

- Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)
- Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)

Why Enroll?

- Earn an industry-recognized healthcare credential
- Gain valuable hands-on experience
- Eligible for high school credit (CNA = 0.5 credits | CCMA = 1.0 credit)

Who Can Apply?

Students must:

- Be currently enrolled in high school (early grads not eligible)
 - Be on track to graduate (Class of 2026 or 2027)
 - Be at least 16 years old by the program start date to enroll in the CNA track
- Transportation to campus is the student's responsibility; some schools may offer shuttle access.

Course Timing

Courses run January–May 2026, depending on location and program. Both in-person and online learning components are included.

Visit the application packet [here](#) for detailed schedules and dates.

The application is now live until December 12, 2025!

Apply Here: <https://tinyurl.com/OTC2026>

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For Educators

CISE SUMMER COURSEWORK - FLYERS

Last month, we shared information about career-connected summer coursework for students. Below please find the student flyers for each course.

- [CompTIA Network+ - flyer](#)
- [FAA Part 107 - Drones - flyer](#)
- [OSHA 10 - flyer](#)
- [SHE Builds - flyer](#)

For Community

CISE Students thrive at “A Hero’s Journey” Career Expo

On November 24, 2025, CISE welcomed 160 8th graders from CISE-supported grade schools for a successful Career Expo.

- The event was generously sponsored by the Catholic Business Advisory Council (CBAC) and took place at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.
- Dave Cooley of the Catholic Telegraph wrote an inspiring article about the Expo. [Click here to read Dave's article.](#)
- You can also see highlights from the day. [Click here to view a photo collage.](#)

Join the Conversation: Next CBAC Meeting

Interested in joining the conversation about career-connected experienceships for students in Catholic schools? Please join us for the next Catholic Business Advisory Council (CBAC) meeting:

- **When:** February 3, 2025
- **Where:** Cincinnati Police Academy
- **RSVP:** Email Mari Thomas at mthomas@cisekids.org to reserve your seat.

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